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WORLD RICE PRODUCTION REDUCED BY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER IN ASIA

World rice production in 1966-67 turned out to be substantially less than forecast early in the season, according to information currently available to the Foreign Agricultural Service. Subsequent release of official estimates could result in a later revision of the crop.

World production of rough rice in 1966-67 (August-July), excluding Communist Asia, is estimated at 163 million metric tons, 2 percent above the comparatively small crop of 160 million in 1965-66 and 6 percent below the record 173 million tons produced in 1964-65. Production averaged 160 million tons in the 5 years ended 1964-65 and 133 million in the precedung 5-year period.

Output was sharply reduced in Asia--producer of approximately 93 percent of all rice--by both drought and floods, particularly in the major producing countries of India and Pakistan. Record crops were harvested in some countries of Asia and in the rest of the world. Acreage increased and high level yields were produced on all other continents.

By far the major factor in the cutback of Asia's harvest was a drought in India in the second successive year. This season's lack of rain severely curtailed production in three principal rice States--Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. Latest reports indicate that high level acreage and increased yields in other States, notably in southern India, have failed to materially offset the drastic drop in the production of these three States.

Lack of rainfall reduced Pakistan's crop by 9 percent. Flooding of the Mekong River last fall caused acreage losses in Cambodia, Laos and to some extent, South Vietnam. Less acreage was planted in Burma, and yields were reported to be lower than in recent years.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specicied countries,
average 1960-61/64-65, annual 1964-65 to 1966-67 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1964-65	1965-66 2/	1966-67 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1964-65	1965-66 2/	1966-67 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1964-65	1965-66 2/	1966-67 2/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.
North America:												
Mexico	342	329	378	381	1,961	1,839	2,228	2,257	304.2	274.4	382.0	390.0
United States	1,703	1,786	1,793	1,967	3,738	4,097	4,254	4,324	2,887.3	3,318.8	3,460.1	3,858.3
Costa Rica	132	136	145	138	1,042	1,146	1,141	1,317	62.4	70.7	75.0	82.4
El Salvador	33	37	33	49	1,979	1,973	2,330	2,249	29.6	33.1	34.9	50.0
Guatemala	26	28	26	29	1,369	1,593	1,442	1,407	16.2	20.2	17.0	18.5
Honduras	34	35	41	42	1,476	1,471	1,480	1,448	22.7	23.4	27.5	27.6
Nicaragua 3/	55	56	62	65	1,353	1,189	1,187	1,425	33.7	30.2	33.4	42.0
Panama	253	298	329	344	978	958	1,029	1,025	112.3	129.5	153.6	160.0
Cuba	240	--	--	--	1,700	--	--	--	185.0	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	206	209	219	215	1,423	1,477	1,510	1,589	133.0	140.0	150.0	155.0
Total North America	3,132	3,251	3,389	3,560	2,711	2,892	2,992	3,096	3,851.7	4,265.0	4,599.6	4,998.7
South America:												
Argentina	135	168	116	150	3,159	3,512	3,141	3,131	193.4	267.6	165.3	213.0
Bolivia	74	70	78	--	1,316	1,401	1,410	--	44.2	44.5	50.0	--
Brazil	9,235	10,600	10,400	10,600	1,421	1,456	1,399	1,414	5,951.2	7,000.0	6,600.0	6,800.0
Chile	82	77	78	74	2,440	2,627	2,316	2,681	90.8	91.7	71.1	90.0
Colombia	643	747	926	865	1,823	1,771	1,600	1,733	531.8	600.0	672.0	680.0
Ecuador	273	222	250	250	1,525	1,718	1,764	1,379	188.8	173.0	200.0	155.0
Guyana	247	255	337	--	2,000	1,970	1,897	--	224.0	259.0	290.0	300.0
Paraguay	38	40	40	--	1,950	2,040	2,040	--	33.6	37.0	37.0	--
Peru	194	183	173	210	3,606	3,385	3,923	3,780	317.3	281.0	307.8	360.0
Surinam	70	75	72	--	2,486	2,587	2,750	--	78.9	88.0	89.8	90.0
Uruguay	51	68	78	78	2,841	2,919	3,022	3,024	65.8	90.0	106.9	107.0
Venezuela	165	224	260	257	1,476	1,631	1,695	1,945	110.5	165.8	199.9	210.0
Total South America	11,207	12,729	12,808	13,020	1,540	1,576	1,513	1,540	7,830.3	9,097.6	8,789.8	9,096.5
Europe:												
France	77	74	73	70	3,474	3,631	2,955	3,534	121.3	121.9	97.8	112.2
Greece	49	61	55	43	3,704	4,079	4,205	4,388	82.3	112.9	104.9	85.6
Italy	299	296	324	334	4,679	4,648	3,463	4,488	634.6	624.0	508.9	680.0
Portugal	92	93	87	85	4,073	4,299	3,517	4,116	170.0	181.4	138.8	158.7
Spain	157	158	146	143	5,460	5,555	5,279	5,936	388.8	398.1	349.6	385.0
Total Western Europe	674	682	685	675	4,569	4,649	3,862	4,643	1,397.0	1,438.3	1,200.0	1,421.5
Bulgaria	32	28	27	30	2,497	2,439	2,737	3,380	36.2	31.0	33.5	46.0
Hungary	52	44	42	46	1,715	1,748	--	--	40.4	34.9	--	--
Romania	35	49	47	51	2,589	2,420	2,157	2,594	41.1	53.8	45.8	60.0
Yugoslavia	15	16	14	15	3,333	3,488	3,871	3,747	22.7	25.3	24.6	25.5
Total Eastern Europe	142	146	139	151	2,282	2,310	2,250	2,621	147.0	153.0	141.9	179.5
Total Europe	816	828	824	826	4,171	4,237	3,590	4,273	1,544.0	1,591.3	1,341.9	1,601.0
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	332	469	533	600	2,068	2,209	2,400	2,609	311.0	470.0	580.0	710.0

Africa:												
Morocco	9	10	9	12	4,033	4,560	4,411	4,225	16.5	20.7	18.0	23.0
United Arab Republic	829	999	1,100	1,200	4,745	4,493	3,808	3,674	1,784.2	2,035.8	1,900.0	2,000.0
Congo (Kinshasa)	130	110	120	--	915	902	937	--	54.0	45.0	51.0	--
Ghana	78	105	106	106	959	894	853	874	33.8	42.6	41.0	42.0
Guinea	1,025	--	--	--	618	--	--	--	287.0	330.0	300.0	300.0
Ivory Coast	610	595	605	--	777	827	875	--	215.0	225.0	240.0	--
Malagasy Republic	1,996	1,853	1,900	--	1,370	1,475	1,566	--	1,240.0	1,240.0	1,350.0	1,375.0
Mali	442	500	490	480	893	860	742	915	179.0	195.0	165.0	200.0
Nigeria	700	--	--	--	1,120	--	--	--	355.0	400.0	350.0	400.0
Portuguese Guinea	138	--	--	--	1,664	--	--	--	104.0	--	--	--
Senegal	180	185	210	210	1,151	1,263	1,281	1,050	93.8	106.0	122.0	100.0
Sierra Leone	800	--	--	--	895	--	--	--	325.0	330.0	310.0	340.0
Tanzania 3/	204	--	--	--	1,161	--	--	--	108.0	--	--	--
Upper Volta	112	86	--	--	649	866	--	--	33.0	33.8	--	--
Total Africa	8,372	8,522	8,669	9,034	1,400	1,486	1,422	1,426	5,314.7	5,744.6	5,593.1	5,841.7
Asia:												
Iran	846	900	--	--	1,894	1,960	--	--	726.0	800.0	845.0	875.0
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	129	36	124	136	2,601	3,460	2,934	3,560	152.2	135.0	165.0	220.0
Afghanistan	524	544	--	--	2,053	2,056	--	--	488.0	508.0	--	--
Burma	12,000	12,300	11,983	11,369	1,456	1,461	1,482	1,425	7,925.0	8,150.0	8,055.0	7,350.0
Cambodia	5,731	5,793	5,391	5,073	952	978	972	992	2,474.8	2,570.0	2,376.2	2,282.5
Ceylon	1,239	1,148	1,216	1,300	1,714	1,663	1,661	1,781	963.1	865.9	916.0	1,050.0
China, Taiwan	1,905	1,884	1,935	1,940	3,242	3,508	3,490	3,523	2,801.8	2,997.5	3,063.5	3,100.0
India 3/	86,359	89,855	87,000	88,000	1,356	1,438	1,178	1,191	53,105.0	58,610.0	46,500.0	47,000.0
Indonesia	17,845	18,824	--	--	1,627	1,757	--	--	13,171.0	15,000.0	15,300.0	15,500.0
Japan 3/	8,117	8,055	8,043	8,041	4,324	4,305	4,252	4,367	15,920.5	15,730.0	15,511.0	15,931.2
Korea, South	2,837	2,954	3,035	3,050	3,647	4,019	3,463	4,016	4,693.6	5,384.7	4,767.4	5,555.6
Laos	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,300	1,020	1,006	989	1,057	740.0	730.0	740.0	623.0
Malaysia:												
Malaya States	816	841	875	900	2,238	2,338	2,268	2,266	828.5	892.0	900.0	925.0
Sabah (North Borneo)	89	88	95	--	1,879	2,092	1,963	--	75.6	83.5	82.0	--
Sarawak	282	290	294	--	858	846	862	--	109.7	111.4	115.0	--
Nepal	2,800	2,780	2,718	--	1,647	1,745	1,790	--	2,095.0	2,201.0	2,207.0	--
Pakistan 3/	24,955	26,155	26,573	25,600	1,462	1,500	1,472	1,386	16,539.0	17,795.9	17,742.5	16,100.0
Philippines	7,821	7,906	7,683	7,572	1,096	1,115	1,160	1,208	3,883.4	3,992.4	4,072.5	4,150.0
Thailand	14,709	14,773	14,753	17,811	1,343	1,439	1,433	1,466	8,960.0	9,640.0	9,587.6	11,840.0
Vietnam, South	6,054	6,331	--	--	1,841	1,806	--	--	5,055.8	5,185.0	--	--
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas 4/	197,340	203,900	200,290	202,270	1,576	1,642	1,529	1,534	141,100.0	151,800.0	138,900.0	140,700.0
Oceania:												
Australia	56	63	65	73	5,429	5,423	6,206	6,040	138.0	155.0	183.0	200.0
Fiji Islands	30	25	--	--	1,543	--	--	--	21.0	--	--	--
Total Oceania	89	91	93	106	3,963	4,191	4,765	4,617	160.0	173.0	201.0	222.0
World Total 4/	221,300	229,800	226,600	229,400	1,596	1,661	1,557	1,568	160,100.0	173,200.0	160,000.0	163,000.0

1/ Crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Excluding Communist Asia (China, North Korea, and North Vietnam).

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Total record production of countries excluding the world's two major rice areas--Communist China and India--was the result of record yields per acre harvested on record acreages. Responding to improved methods, per acre yields generally are on the increase where weather permits.

Several countries of Asia had good or record rice crops. Thailand sharply increased acreage and its crop is officially estimated at a record much above the previous largest crop. Production increased in the Malaya States, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, and the Philippine Republic.

The season was favorable for rice in the Western Hemisphere. The output of North America increased 9 percent, led by the United States with a 10-percent increase in acreage and an 11.5-percent rise in production. Record acreages planted in Mexico and Central America, combined with higher yields, resulted in production increases of 2 and 11 percent, respecitvely, over 1965 and sharply above the average. All countries of Central America shared in the increase.

The outlook in South America is for a good harvest now nearly completed. Acreages increased in most countries, and total estimated production is up 3 percent from a year earlier. The harvest is expected to approximate, and may exceed, the record crop of 2 years before.

Production of Western Europe exceeded the small crop of the preceding year by a considerable margin and was 2 percent above the average. Although acreage decreased in all countries except Italy, substantially higher yields were harvested. Italy's acreage was the largest in 7 years; yields per acre were below average but much above the country's lowest recorded yields of 1965. Harvests of Portugal and France, though larger than in 1965, were below average. Record yields in Spain brought in a relatively large crop, despite an acreage decline in recent years.

Production of the USSR and Eastern Europe increased markedly over the preceding year. The USSR harvested a record crop, having steadily increased both land in rice and production per acre in the 1960's. Output of Eastern Europe was 26 percent over the poor crop of 1965 and 22 percent above the average in 1960-64.

Record production of Africa was 4 percent larger than in 1965-66. Crops increased in such main producing countries as the UAR (Egypt), Madagscar, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

Australia continued to expand rice production. Acreage increased 12 percent over the preceding record of the year before. Near-record yields, second only to those of 1965-66, resulted in a harvest 9 percent above the preceding crop and 45 percent above the average.

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